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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research done in the agricultural sector has not been able to meet the requirements of farmers in the country as reported in the `Hindustan` dated January 24, 2008;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make changes in the syllabus of agriculture education in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The technologies generated through the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) have contributed significantly in enhancing productivity and production in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and livestock.The country recorded an all time high production of food grains (217.28mt), sugarcane and cotton during the year 2006-07.The horticulture,livestock and fisheries also showed an impressive performance. The agriculture is becoming more and more knowledge intensive and hi-tech. By and large, the technologies generated under NARS have met the requirements of farmers, however, the challenges are enormous and the research system is re-oriented continually to address the emerging issues.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir.The course curricula and syllabi for undergraduate programmes has been revised and recommended for implementation in all agricultural universities during 2007 for enhancing the quality, acceptability and relevance of education and the employability of graduates.